[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to enquire as to how this takes place?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is usual with them to send copies of official papers intended for publication to some of the Madras dailies before they are published here?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Some items of information are found published in newspapers before they are sent to the Press Room.

(*b*) Government do not propose to do so at present.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: How does it happen that the Dewan's address to the Members of the Popular Assembly is published in the *Madras Mail* of the same date?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Copies of the address are sent to all papers in advance, local as well as outside papers.

Government Servants and the Press.

110. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the G. O.'s dated the 9th Makaram, 1063, and the 26th Meenam, 1066, regarding the position of Government officers as correspondents, etc., of newspapers, are still in force?

(*b*) If the above G. O.'s are still in force, have the Government exempted any public servants from the operation of the same, and, if so, will they be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the names of those persons?

(*c*) Have the Government given permission to any public servant to be a correspondent of, or to contribute articles to, any paper or papers? If so, will they be pleased to mention their names?

MR R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) The orders quoted do not require that the permission of Government should be obtained in such cases.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: If any officer employed in the Secretariat contributes to the papers, with whose permission does he do it?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: That is not a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: It is already answered. No permission is required.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Is one of the clerks employed in the Secretariat a permanent correspondent to the *Madras Mail*?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: Government are not aware.

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